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1) APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN HELPING SORT OUT
SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES FOR ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PROJECT.
THESE DIFFICULTIES APPARENTLY ARISE FROM SHTEPA'S LONG
ABSENCE FROM MOSCOW AND HIS PROBLEMS IN COORDINATING
RESPONSES OF SEVERAL SOVIET MINISTRIES TO SCHEDULE WHICH

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SHTEPA PROPOSED BEFORE AND DURING THE DECEMBER MEETING

OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. WHEREAS SOVIET SIDE HAS SEVERAL TIMES POSTPONED VISITS WHICH THEY THEMSELVES PROPOSED, US SIDE HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE. THERE IS A LIMIT TO THIS, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT AND RELUCTANCE OF SOME TO REMAIN INVOLVED WHEN THEIR SCHEDULES ARE DISRUPTED BY CANCELLATIONS.

2) SINCE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR ENTIRE PROJECT COMES FROM CAHILL OFFICE, REQUEST THAT SCICOUNS, IN TRANSMITTING LETTER PARA 3 TO SHTEPKA (WITH COPY TO KUVSHINNIKOV)

REITERATE THE POINT ALREADY MADE TO SHTEPKA THAT WHILE US SIDE IS TRYING TO ACCOMODATE HIM BY RESCHEDULING VISITS WHICH SOVIET SIDE POSTPONED, WE CANNOT PROGRAM OVERLAPPING VISITS OF PULP AND PAPER, FERROUS METALLURGY, CHEMICAL AND PETROCHEMICAL, AND PETROLEUM REFINING TEAMS. WE NEED AT LEAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS BETWEEN VISITS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY COORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE BACKUP AND, NOT INCIDENTALLY, TO ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TIME TO FULFILL DOMESTIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

3) "DEAR MISTER MINISTER: WE ARE AWAITING YOUR REPLY TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT A US PULP AND PAPER TEAM VISIT THE USSR APRIL 12-27. SHOULD AN APRIL VISIT BE INCONVENIENT, WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND A FERROUS METALLURGY TEAM TO THE USSR MARCH 29-APRIL 12 (AS RECENTLY PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE) AND TO RESCHEDULE THE PULP AND PAPER VISIT FOR MAY 10-25. IF THE APRIL 12-27 DATES FOR PULP AND PAPER ARE ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD THEN PROPOSE TO SEND OUR FERROUS METALLURGY TEAM TO THE USSR MAY 10-25.

AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, WE CANNOT SEND BOTH TEAMS TO THE USSR IN THE SAME MONTH BECAUSE THIS WOULD OVERLOAD OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND IMPAIR OUR DOMESTIC WORK.

OUR PREFERRED SCHEDULE FOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 12-27: US PULP AND PAPER TEAM TO THE USSR
MAY 3-18: WORKING GROUP MEETING AND SLUDGE SYMPOSIUM IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY 10-25: US FERROUS METALLURGY TEAM TO THE USSR
JUNE 14-29: US CHEMICAL-PETROCHEMICAL TEAM TO THE USSR
JULY 13-27: SOVIET PETROLEUM REFINING TEAM TO THE USA
SEPTEMBER 3-17: WORKING GROUP MEETING AND PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL TREATMENT SYMPOSIUM IN THE USA
SEPTEMBER 14-28: SOVIET FERROUS METALLURGY TEAM TO THE USA
OCTOBER 11-16: US PETROLEUM REFINING TEAM TO THE USSR

SINCE THE COMPOSITION OF OUR DELEGATIONS WILL BE DETERMINED
BY THE AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL ON THE DATES YOU AND I
AGREE ON, I WILL GIVE YOU THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE FOLLOWING YOUR RESPONSE. SINCE THE FIRST POSSIBLE
VISIT IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY, YOUR EARLY RESPONSE WILL BE
APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY YOURS, HAROLD P. CAHIL, JR., DIRECTOR, MUNICIPAL
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, EPA." KISSINGER

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